

Agenda & Notes - SPAN Leadership Committee/Training Core Leaders Conference Call

May 23, 2012 (1:00 – 2:15 p.m. EDT)

- Introductions
- Agnes Kane (15 min presentation of Training Core activities)
- Bruce Stanton (15 min presentation of Training Core activities)
- Discussion of presentations (15 min)
- Annual Meeting
 - Raleigh, NC; October 21-24, 2012 at the Raleigh Hilton Hotel (questions about scientific aspects of meeting, please contact Beth Anderson)
 - Website, registration, agenda, abstract submission, poster sessions and poster guidelines, room reservations for hotel: coming soon.
 - Hosting SPAN Leadership Committee Representatives
 - Alison Sanders (Graduate Student; UNC); Elyse Rodger-Vieira (Post-Doc; UNC), Dan Brown (Duke), Laura Macauley (Duke) will serve as points of contact for other trainees for questions pertaining to the trainee events scheduled at the meeting.
 - They will be highlighted in the e-posted notes newsletter.
 - They will be handling updates on SPAN Facebook page.
 - Brad Newsome, UKY, is the Training Core representative and Ed Levin, Duke, is the Training Core Leader representative on Anniversary Steering Committee.
 - Trainee Events
 - Icebreaker Event
 - Evening of October 21st; should consider invitation of SRP Alumni (Beth Anderson may have the list).
 - Trainee Social Event: Trainees (no PIs) can meet at a local restaurant (TBD) to meet, greet, and eat. SPAN Leadership Committee representatives will host dinner.
 - Trainee Breakfast with PIs
 - A sign-up list will be provided during registration. An announcement will also be made during the meeting to encourage the PIs to attend.
 - Name Badges: will have SPAN Leadership Committee Member on them.
 - SPAN handout: To be placed in meeting packets about SPAN.
 - SPAN banner: Danielle Carlin will have it up at the meeting.
 - Visit to NC Superfund site?
 - Training Core Leader Lunch
 - With Danielle Carlin and Heather Henry (time, date, and place, TBD)
 - This lunch will be an opportunity for the Training Core Leaders to meet and greet each other, discuss any topics with NIEHS staff.
 - There was an interest in discussing workshops/short courses/activities that the Training Cores could offer to all SRP trainees.
 - Danielle Carlin will send Duke and UNC updated handouts about SPAN and SRP to be placed in everyone's packet of materials for distribution at Annual Meeting.

- SRP trainee survey and CareerTrac
- On the SRP SPAN/Training webpages (<http://www.niehs.nih.gov/research/supported/srp/training/index.cfm>):
 - Training Core activities (e.g. seminars, webinars)
 - List of Training Core leaders
 - Awards
 - KC Donnelly Externship Awards (contact Danielle Carlin with questions)
 - 2011 Recipients: Celys Irizarry (University of Puerto Rico/Northeastern); Alvine Mehinto (University of Florida); Xianai Wu (University of Iowa); They will be presenting their externship experiences next year at the 2012 annual meeting
 - 2012 Recipients will be announced at 2012 annual meeting
 - Next applications due: February 28th 2013
 - Wetterhahn (contact Danielle Carlin with questions); Next applications due: August 1st, 2012
 - Opportunities for trainees (e.g., job announcements)
 - SRP trainee success stories
 - Info about SPAN
 - Trainee webinar series
 - Posting of SPAN committee members, photos, and e-mail address on the SRP website
- Need to update list of RO1 trainees and P42 SPAN Leadership Committee Members by the end of the year.
- Send corrections of SPAN Leadership Committee by May 31st, 2012.
- Training Core Leaders, please send Justin Crane (cranej2@niehs.nih.gov) any news items of interest to trainees (e.g., trainee success stories, pictures, job announcements, etc.).
- Please join the SRP Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/SRPSPAN>). UNC and Duke are the administrators of the Facebook page.
- Future Teleconferences
 - We will invite Dr. Robin McCarley from LSU's P42 Center, Dr. Christie Drew from NIEHS to discuss CareerTrac, and Eve Marion from Duke University to discuss details about the Superfund Research Program Annual Meeting.
- Other announcements
 - UC Davis Entrepreneur Academy, June 25-27, 2012: <http://ucanr.org/sites/superfund/NEWS/>; for more information, please contact Candice Spier (crspier@ucdavis.edu)
 - Danielle had mentioned that Dr. Sally Rockey, NIH Deputy Director for Extramural Research, gave a presentation entitled "NIH Update – Interesting Times, Challenging Times" about the future of the NIH budget and training of future scientists. However, the slides will not be posted on the website. We encourage you to visit our website <http://www.niehs.nih.gov/about/boards/naehsc/index.cfm> and listen and watch live during the open sessions of the National Advisory Environmental Health Sciences Council. These are very informative! Trainees (and their mentors) can learn about scientific direction of NIEHS.